

# A Warning from the Lord, to the Inhabitants of the Citty of LONDON ; gave forth on the Day after their Fast and Humiliation.

The 1. day of the 7th Month, 59

**T**HUS saith the Lord God, even, the Lord God of Life, of Heaven and Earth, by whom the World was made, I am wearied with your wickednesse, and unspeakable Abominations, I am oppressed under it, as a Cart is over pressed with sheaves, my soule is loaded, and burthened, and my spirit is daily vexed and grieved with your continuall transgressions, against my pure Light of Life in you, which lets you see these Abominations to be evill : how long will you provoke me to jealousy ? how long will you harden your hearts as in the day of slaughter, nourishing up your selves and one another in your Abominable rebellion and wickednesse, when will you cease to do evill ? when will you consider your latter end ? how long will you delight in that which my endlesse judgments and seirce indignation is against, wooe to the Crown of pride, which reignes in this place, and to the Drunkards of England of all sorts, wooe to all you ungodly, whoremongers, wanton, whores, plagues is your portion, and all you sporters, rioters, fidlers, and players, you are worse unto me then Sodom and Gomorah saith the Lord God, and my vengeance like a beasome of fire shall sweep you into everlastig Torment, where you shall be plagued without end, yee fruitlesse trees, you cumber the ground, yee thistle and thorny Children of wrath and darknesse, my dreadfull power is against you, which will overturn, root up, and utterly consume you off the face of the Earth, this is your portion from my hand for ever except you speedily repent.

Also give ear and hearken unto the Word of the Lord, which is to thee, who art in the chiefe Authority in this Citty, and you who are in the highest places (outwardly) in this Nation, thus saith the Lord God of Hosts to you, feare and dread my pure powerfull name, and take heed to your wayes, words, and actions, (is it not for you to love the good and hate the evill) and love that in you, which lets you see sin and evill in your own particulars, in your own consciences that you by it may be guided and ordered, and have dominion in my righteous power over the fleshly lusts in your own selves, which wars against the immortall soule : so you will come to Rule well (in the humility and authority of my pure spirit, in which you will be worthy of double honour, and be kept out of the fearfull, Abominable and hypocriticall state

which all the wicked are in, not able to trust one another in the Earth: Therefore come forth of evill, to the light, and be obedient to the power that moves againſt ſin, and live in it, that your own ſalvation may be wrought out with feare and trembling, that you may be a terror to the evill doer, without reſpect of perſons, places, or things, and that you may be a praiſe to them that doe well, and be no longer deceived with dreames, but awake to righteousneſſe, while you have yet time, and ſee how you ſtand in the dreadfull preſence of the Almighty God, who is coming to Queſtion with you, and to call you to an account, of your wayes, and places, and governments, how you have fulfilled and answered his will by your obedience, in ſuppreſſing, plucking up, and cutting down (by the ſword of juſtice and judgment) all that which offends the pure, meeke, righteous, powerfull Spirit of the Lamb of God, which is without guile, to whome pride is abomination, in whoſe pure powerfull name of life, I warn you all, to conſider how, with, in, and for what, and whom, you Rule, leaſt you proceed on in the darke pathes of them, who (before you) have ſtumbled, fallen, and been broken to peeces, for the dreadfull, terrible, and mighty power of the Lord God of Life is gone forth as a whirwind of fire to ſcatter the proud, and all that live ungodly, and it ſhall come to paſſe, that the oppreſſor ſhall be oppreſſed, and the proud ſhall be abaſed, and the drunkard ſhall thirſt, and the wanton and careleſſe ones ſhall waile, lament, and howle, and the luſtfull, envious, and wrathfull, ſhall burn in the conſuming fire of my wrath ſaith the Lord God, and if you repent not ſpeedily, Ninive, Tire, and Sidon, Sodom, and Gomorah, and the Beaſts of the field, will riſe up in judgment againſt you, and will condemne this Abominable ſinfull and adulterous Generation.

Therefore great things doe the Lord God require of you that be in great places, and authority in the earth, you ſhould Rule in the meaſure of God (which moves againſt ſin in the heart of man) for God, in his ſteed, in his pure feare, in true zeale, in the life of truth, therefore look about you, and ſee what ſtate this City and Nation is in, under your government, and ſearch diligently by Gods witneſſe in you, whether the Lord God of truth and righteousneſſe be not ariſen againſt the Abominations thereof, in his deſpiſed Sons and Daughters in theſe your dayes, and this testimony I bare for the Lord God, (in whoſe power I ſtand a witneſſe againſt all your ungodly deeds and actions, both in your Church, ſtate, and all other affaires which is contrary to truth, equity and righteousneſſe) you are warned of him at this day, as true as ever Pharoah, the old World, Ninive, or Sodom was, Therefore you that be in Authority come down to the feet of him that ſeekes not his own honour, but the honour that cometh from God only, that you may be exalted and enthroned by him, to whom every knee ſhall bow: and remember the King  
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of Ninive, what he did, when he was warned by the same unchangable God as you have been, and see whether this be a time, or day, to say, let us eat, drinke, and be merry, and take our fill of pleasures in the lust of darknesse and ignorance, while some of the servants of the living God, goe in sackcloth, and some have gone naked amongst this generation, as signes and wonders upon you, but such as live in darknesse cannot discern them, any farther then the face of the Earth or Skie.

Therefore come forth of thick darknesse, and consider, whether the King of Ninive would have suffered such Cursed Abominations to be acted in that Citty (who had but one warning), as you have in yours (who have had many warnings) even open Revellings, Rioting, Drunkennesse, Shews, Plays, and severall kinds of prophane and ungodly works and wayes, which Gods Soule loaths, who will visit for these things.

Would not the King of Ninive bare witness against your fast days, and bawillation days, and say it is all fained, hypocritical and abominable, and deceitfull, who can suffer (or tolerate) cursed revellings, popish playing which occasions peoples minds to be drawn further from the witnesse of God in them, even to the murdering of the just, (whose blood cryes for vengeance upon you Rulers and Teachers,) and to suffer drunkennesse, rioting and dancing like the prince of devils formed into many shapes, in men and women in your streets or Citty, take heed how you suffer these things to be any more, I warn you from the Lord God, for his soule loaths such doings, and will be avenged on such a Nation as this, and the Lord God hath a controversie with you, that be the leaders, teachers and governours of this people, and he will plead with you concerning these things, and you shall know that he searcheth the heart, and will reward every man according to his deeds, from whose presence you cannot fly: therefore consider your wayes and your doings; will you fast, pray, bang down the head for a day, and professe and talke of God and Christ with your mouths and never obey his voice, (which calls for truth, righteousness, mercy and judgement,) for this is his voice or word in you, which saith cease to doe evil, and doe so no more lest a worse thing come upon thee, and put away the evil of your daings from before mine eyes, (the light in the eye, which lets you see the sin) and will you oppresse and wrong the innocent, which reproves the ungodly that he may not dye in his sin, and yet call upon God with your lips, who will punish and breake in peeces the oppressor and his heritage by his mighty power.

Therefore heare and I understand that which reproves you for sin, and is it be obedient, lest you perish from the way of life and peace for ever; for of the Lord God am I moved to warne you all, to cleave my conscience of you, and him of your blood, whose witnesse in you will be answered, whether you hear or forbear.

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Therefore come to the light, and see what is done in your government, and in the time of your authority and rule, in this City, what diuillish reveling, singing, rioting, drunknesse, swearing, wantonnesse, and all manner of ungodly practises is committed within your government openly, which grieues the spirit of God, and the soule of the righteous to bear and see these abominations; what would become of this Nation or City if the Lord God had not a chosen seed in it, to bare witness against the euill thereof? consider these things, for with you God will plead, who haue the power in your hands to subdue and crush under these abominations, if you are not guilty of the same things your selves, and lovers of, and found in the same or such things your own selves, if you are, you haue not the true power and authority to reſtraine it in others: this is from the Lord God to you all;

Therefore come out of pride, pleasures, couetousnesse, wrath, and wantonnesse, and all ungodlineſſe your own selves, and then you will fee the mighty power of God aſſiſting you, and giueing you dominion, enabling you to deſtroy it in others, here you may come to rule for God in truth equity and judgement in the principle of God, ſo being redeemed out of the euill your selves, you will be a terror and a dread to euill doers in your places of government; but if you walk contrary to the truth of God in your own particulars, and ſo give liberty to the abominable practiſes and inventions of the diuell, in his children of darkneſſe, and cauſe the innocent to ſuffer, and grieue the pure ſpirit of God; if you ſhould not come to fee the burthen of theſe things but be hardened, and proceed on in tolerating the wicked and oppreſſing the juſt, the Lord God, (who is no reſpecter of perſons) will deſtroy you as he hath many, and your lot and portion will be the ſame, and he will abuſe a people to himſelfe, in whome his feare and love is placed, which loves righteousneſſe and hates iniquity, and their throwne ſhall be eſtabliſhed for ever, but the name and memoriall of the ungodly ſhall utterly periſh, ſaith the Lord God Almighty.

This is written in obedience to the living God, whoſe powerfull voyce cryed through me, againſt the abominations of this City (the next day after your faſt and humiliation) ſaying, write unto the Mayor, and to the Governours of this place and Nation, that they may once more be warned to repent, and reſtrain theſe abominations, and that thoſe among them who take warning may eſcape my everlaſting judgements:

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